

# WILSON ASKS LEGISLATION ON STRIKES

President Went Before Congress Today With Special Message Embodying Measures Which He Hopes to Have Passed in the Impending Crisis on Railroads

## MANAGERS' PLAN NOT SATISFACTORY

Meanwhile the Railroad Brotherhood Heads Issued Order for Actual Strike on Labor Day If Satisfactory Settlement Is Not Reached By That Date

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—President Wilson will address Congress in a joint session on the railway strike situation at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The president reached a decision soon after the meeting of the brotherhood heads had come to a conclusion on the latest proposal of the railroad presidents, who had suggested deferring the strike pending an investigation. Their decision was not announced, but the president's action in deciding to address Congress was interpreted plainly as meaning that they had rejected it.

While the president's decision to go before Congress was being announced, the brotherhood leaders changed the tentative order for a strike on Labor day to an order actually to strike at that time unless it is called off by a satisfactory settlement.

President Wilson worked nearly all night on the address he will deliver, and after conferring with Chairman Newlands of the Senate interstate commerce committee he announced his decision. Word was sent to the Senate and House leaders so they would arrange for the joint session. The president will lay before Congress a definite plan of legislation for dealing with the situation. It includes bills laid before him by Senator Newlands after a conference with the acting attorney-general, Secretary Lane and several members of the Senate interstate commerce commission.

The bills which will be taken up first are: A bill patterned after the Canadian industrial disputes act, providing for investigation of disputes between railroads and their employees and preventing strikes or lockouts during the period of investigation; an eight-hour law for railroad employees, with a provision that sufficient time be given the railroads to prepare for its operation. The president also discussed with Senator Newlands early to-day legislation proposing to stop a strike if it begins before preventative legislation can be adopted.

By their action in making the strike order positive instead of tentative, the strike leaders believe they have anticipated any legal processes which might be brought against them. In response to the request of the railroad executives, President Wilson agreed to see them before going before Congress, and he postponed the cabinet meeting in order to do so.

The direct negotiations between the railroad executives and employees through President Wilson practically closed today when the executives refused to accede to the proposal made to them yesterday by Wilson. In their statement to him to-day the executives present an argument for arbitration. The brotherhood leaders, it was understood to-day, would fight the compulsory investigation feature of the Wilson legislative program but would support the eight-hour proposal. In order to have any effect on the present proposed strike the president's program would have to pass both houses and become a law before Monday.

The visit of the brotherhood heads to the White House came within half an hour after the president had left the capitol. They hurried from their hotel on foot to the executive mansion and arrived shortly after 7 o'clock, while the president was at dinner. Their conference with the president was brief. He handed one copy of the railroads' counter proposal to A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees, and said he would discuss it in any way. It is known, however, that the president's men gathered that he did not strongly approve of it. Conversation about the strike order followed, and then the brotherhood heads departed.

Every effort was made to keep the call at the White House secret. The union heads returned to their hotel singly and by separate routes. After passing out the word that they would meet the committee of 24 this morning to discuss the proposal, they went to their rooms, declining to discuss their conference.

News that copies of the strike order sent out Sunday were in the hands of the railroad presidents occasioned no surprise among the brotherhoods. After it became known that they suspected three of their number of acting as spies for the railroad heads, they said, frankly, that they expected the strike order soon would be in their employers' hands. More than 5,000 copies of the order, it was learned, were mailed out of Washington and each of the committee of 640 also received a copy. Copies in the hands of the executives are supposed to have been mailed back here from nearby points.

"There was one traitor among the 12 disciples," one of the brotherhood heads said, "and our average appears to be higher than that."

Labor day was agreed upon as the time for the tentative strike order to be made.

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## "NOT MAKER OF PHRASES"

That Is the Negative Characterization of Hughes By Lodge.

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 29.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, in an address here last night, charged the Democrats in Congress with the passing of sectional legislation and criticized their projects for taxation. He condemned the Mexican policy of the president and predicted the election of Mr. Hughes.

"Mr. Hughes," said Senator Lodge, "is a strong, able, upright man of high character, a great debater, a singularly able administrator, above all a man who says what he means and means what he says, not a maker of phrases. You may be sure when he speaks as president not only to his own people but to the nations of the world as well, that there is a man behind the words he uses. He is one whom you can trust, and that is why I feel honored to be associated with him as I expect to be in the four years to come, as I am sure that he will be elected and I am not entirely without hope of being elected myself."

Senator Lodge said that the total amount raised by direct taxation by emergency corporation income and individual income taxes for the past year was \$209,215,554. Four states of the North, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, he added, paid \$110,000,000 of these taxes, 16 of the northern states paid 85 per cent of the entire tax and 10 southern states paid 4 per cent.

"The legislation of the Democratic party," he continued, "has been sectional since 1913. They have removed the tariff to deprive the north of protection and they have levied taxes so that they collect them from three or four northern states. The northern Democrat rarely bolts his caucus; he votes for the whole party program."

Senator Lodge declared that twice as many young men had been killed in "Mr. Wilson's peace" in Mexico as were killed during the entire Spanish war.

He said that the present prosperity came in a convulsion and will go in a convulsion and will leave us face to face with the "gravest economic peril."

## TRAGEDY IN BOSTON HOTEL

Head Waiter Slain in Presence of Twenty Persons.

Boston, Aug. 29.—A man walked into an annex dining room on the second floor of the Hotel Essex yesterday afternoon and shot and killed Charles W. Cranney, the head waiter, who was eating his dinner. The murderer turned, ran down the stairs, and escaped through the hotel lobby.

The regular dinner hour was over and there were only about 20 persons in the room at the time.

The police sent out a general alarm for the arrest of Stoll Zacharak, a waiter at the hotel for 14 years, who was discharged for insubordination by Cranney two hours before the shooting. He is 49 years old and is not married.

Albert Bolano, assistant head waiter at the hotel, who was dining with Cranney, told the police he is positive the man with the revolver was Zacharak. Bolano himself had a narrow escape when one bullet went through his coat. Two of the bullets struck Cranney and the other two went wild.

After fleeing from the hotel, the assassin went across the street to the south station, the police believe, and boarded a train.

Cranney, who was 45 years old, was married only two weeks ago.

## INDEPENDENT'S EDITOR DEAD

Rev. William H. Ward Died in South Berwick, Me.

South Berwick, Me., Aug. 29.—Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., editor of the New York Independent for 49 years, director of the Wolfe expedition to Babylon in 1884, and author of books on religious and Oriental subjects, died at his home here last night, aged 81 years.

Although virtually an invalid for a year as the result of being thrown from a carriage, Dr. Ward kept up his work as honorary editor of The Independent. Dr. Ward was a trustee of Amherst college and of Berwick academy. For many years he took a prominent part in the activities of the American Bible society, the Church Building society and the American Missionary society.

Dr. Ward was born in Abington, Mass., June 25, 1835. He was graduated from Amherst in 1856 and from Andover Theological seminary in 1859. The funeral will be held here Thursday afternoon.

## ALLOWED DOGS AT LARGE.

Animals Chased Deer and Their Owner Was Fined.

Middlebury, Aug. 29.—William St. Clair of Charlotte, who was arrested by Fish and Game Warden George Chaffee, was taken before Justice A. W. Dickie yesterday, charged with allowing his dogs to chase deer. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs of \$18. On agreeing to take proper care of his dogs in the future \$50 of the fine was remitted. Game warden have had a good deal of trouble in this section by owners allowing dogs to chase deer. The dog in question was killed by the party who saw it chasing the deer. This is about the only way that warden can get any evidence as to the owners of dogs which are allowed to chase deer.

## AUTO WAS DITCHED.

After Being Operated By Two Men Without Permission.

Brandon, Aug. 29.—A five-passenger Overland automobile belonging to Dr. L. A. Bettenger of Shelburne, which was taken from the Brandon inn garage about 3 o'clock yesterday morning by Charles Tennen and Dana Baker without permission, was ditched and considerably damaged on the Forestdale road near the Catholic cemetery. The machine brought up against a tree, the front axle being sprung and the fender bent. The occupants escaped injury.

## BALL PLAYERS SOLD.

Zimmerman of Chicago Traded for Three New York Giants.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Heinie Zimmerman, third baseman, was traded by the Chicago National league club last night to the New York Giants for Larry Doyle, captain of the New York team; Hunter, a first baseman and Jacobson, an outfielder.

## TEUTONS ARE ON DEFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS

French Official Note, in Reviewing the Situation, Declares That There Is Not a Point in the General Theatre of Operations Where France's Enemies Are Not Reduced to Defensive

## ON WESTERN FRONT ALLIES ARE LEADING

French Troops Made Progress Near the Thiaumont Work, Says French Official Statement, and Repulsed German Attacks in the Vicinity of Fleury and Vaux Fort

Paris, Aug. 29.—"On the Somme front, as at Verdun, we are leading in the offensive and dominating the adversary," says an official note reviewing the last week's operations on the French front. "There is not a point in the general theatre of operations where the enemy is not actually reduced to the defensive." "Actions which we have undertaken continue despite the resistance or reaction of the enemy."

On the Verdun front last night the French troops made progress near the Thiaumont work, the war office announced to-day. German attacks in the vicinity of Fleury and Vaux fort were repulsed.

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## RUMANIANS IN FIRST CLASH

Austrian Official Report Declares Attacks Were "Treacherous."

Vienna, via London, Aug. 29.—The first clashes between troops of Rumania and the central powers occurred Sunday night in southeastern and eastern frontier mountain passes of Hungary, says an official statement given out here yesterday. The attacks by the Rumanians are described in the statement as "treacherous." Rumanian prisoners were taken.

Advance guards of the two forces came into contact at Rothenburg pass, 15 miles south of Hermannstadt, Transylvania, and in the passes south of Kronstadt (Brasso) the statement says.

Kronstadt and Hermannstadt, toward which the Austrian official communication indicates the Rumanians are making their first efforts at an advance, are two of the most important cities in Transylvania. They are near the southern border of Hungary, the former about six miles from the Rumanian frontier and the latter about 15 miles from the frontier. Kronstadt is 70 miles east-southeast of Hermannstadt.

The city of Kronstadt is the most important commercial and manufacturing center of Transylvania. It has a population of approximately 41,000.

Hermannstadt is a former capital of Transylvania and lies near the river Zibin. It has a population of 33,000. Rumanians make up a large part of the population of both cities.

## GERMANY BERATES RUMANIA.

Because Latter "Disgracefully Broke Treaties" with Teutons.

London, Aug. 29.—An official statement issued in Berlin and forwarded by Reuters' correspondent at Amsterdam says:

"After Rumania as already reported disgracefully broke treaties concluded with Austria-Hungary and Germany, she declared war yesterday against our ally."

"The imperial German minister to Rumania has received instructions to request his passports and to declare to the Rumanian government that Germany will likewise consider herself at war with Rumania."

## BERLIN EXPECTED IT.

Rumania's Declaration of War Against Austria.

Berlin, Aug. 29, via London.—German government circles have expected some action on the part of Rumania for nearly two weeks. No illusions were indulged in, but it was thought the Rumanian government might reconsider the matter and possibly shrink from the step taken Sunday.

It was known here that the entente allies proposed using Rumania territory for a Russian advance against Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria. Rumania, it was argued here, would in that event, considering the Rumanian antipathy toward Austria-Hungary, join the forces fighting against the central powers.

Little is known here of the intentions of the central powers against Rumania, but it is felt that Rumania cannot avoid

war with all the nations of the central powers, should Russian troops advance through her territory.

The news of the Rumanian declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was received here calmly, although it follows close on Italy's declaration of war against Germany.

## CALL IT SIGNIFICANT

Action of Rumania in Declaring War on Germany.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 29.—Rumania's declaration of war against Austria is regarded in Russian official circles as an event of far-reaching significance. The foreign office points out three striking benefits which will accrue to Russia as a consequence. The substantial Rumanian army, pitted against Austria will lessen Russia's task and will afford greater freedom of action on the left wing of the ring around the central empires and the opening of a new line of attack; the cutting off of grain supplies to the Austro-Germans, upon which the latter are believed to have placed great reliance.

Recent despatches from Bucharest indicated that the sale of the entire Rumanian crop had virtually been arranged for and that shipping of the grain had already begun.

## RESIGNS AS JUDGE.

To Run for Governor of New York—Samuel Seabury.

New York, Aug. 29.—Samuel Seabury, designated to govern in the Democratic, Progressive and Independence league primaries, resigned yesterday as associate judge of the court of appeals to take personal charge of his campaign. The candidate announced his resignation in a statement, addressed to "The people of the state of New York."

"I shall conduct the public business in the open," the statement reads. "Backstairs government in the interest of those who seek something for nothing shall cease. We have outgrown the era of invisible government."

"I shall see to it that vouchers for state's money expended by public officials for alleged public purposes shall be open to public inspection."

"If elected, I shall restore responsible popular government at Albany."

Mr. Seabury says that his decision to withdraw from the bench, although he had 12 years still to serve, was only arrived at after he had become convinced that he could be of greater service as governor. He declared that the affairs of the state require the "application of common honesty and common sense," economy in the state department and amendment of existing tax laws.

Mr. Seabury asks voters "to co-operate with me in the task of ridding the government of this state of the incompetency, extravagance and corruption that now exists in its affairs."

He has opened campaign headquarters here.

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS ENTERS VERMONT

Two Cases of Disease Found in Arlington, Bennington County, and Quarantine Regulations Were Promptly Imposed.

Arlington, Aug. 29.—Dr. C. H. Beecher of Bennington, who was summoned by a local physician yesterday afternoon, diagnosed two cases in town as infantile paralysis. The patients are the eleven and thirteen-year-old sons of H. A. Hallett, a farmer living about a mile north of the town of Bennington. The house was quarantined before Dr. Beecher was summoned.

## BIG HOTEL BURNED.

And 175 Occupants Fled in Their Night Clothing.

Block Island, R. I., Aug. 29.—One hundred and seventy-five people escaped in their night clothing from the Hygeia hotel when fire destroyed the four-story wooden structure last night.

The Hygeia was one of the largest of the summer hotels on the island. It was owned by J. C. Champlain and was valued at about \$75,000.

The fire started in the cupola from some unknown cause. Flames had communicated to the main building by passerbys. There were 100 guests in the hotel and 75 employees. None of them were able to save any of their effects.

The cottages were saved. The fire was first discovered by Lloyd Day, an electric railway magnate of New Jersey, one of the guests. With those on the street who had seen the flames, Mr. Day ran into the hotel and called the bellboys. They hurried about the corridors arousing the guests.

Smith, 17 years old, of Pawtucket, R. I., bellboy, carried out two women and two children.

During the progress of the fire, a moving picture operator took several films.

## VERGENNES SENT ASSISTANCE

To Fight Fire on Farm in Ferrisburg—Loss Over \$3,000.

Vergennes, Aug. 29.—A large barn filled with hay, the horse barn and all the farming tools and machinery on the Albert Larrow farm in Ferrisburg, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Nathan Oppenheim of New York City, were burned yesterday morning. A bucket brigade saved the house. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Chief John M. Alden of the Vergennes fire department was called on for assistance and furnished men, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the buildings. The property was insured.

## HENHOUSE SPRAYER EXPLODED.

Causing Destruction of House and Two Barns in Craftsbury.

Craftsbury, Aug. 29.—Fire destroyed the two-story dwelling house, horse barn and henhouse on Charles Ross' farm near Craftsbury yesterday. The fire was caused by the explosion of a can in which they were mixing kerosene and some other explosive for spraying the henhouse.

## 12,000 MORE TROOPS INCLUDING RECRUITS OF VERMONT TO GO

War Department Issued Order Dispatching Them to the Mexican Border, Leaving But 13,000 National Guard Troops at Home.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—Some 12,000 men of Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky National Guard regiments still held in state mobilization camps were directed by the war department yesterday to proceed to the Mexican border. The department revoked suspension of an order for their movement issued two weeks ago. All the regiments will go forward to join Gen. Funston's command as rapidly as transportation can be supplied. Some units were on the move last night.

There remain approximately 13,000 guardsmen, scattered through Massachusetts, who are not affected by yesterday's order.

The original order sending south all troops called into the federal service was issued by the war department in order that the divisional units of the international line might be filled up, and also that those regiments which were not ready to go in the first rush might share in the training as soon as they could be fully equipped. When the railway strike situation became threatening Gen. Funston recommended that the whole movement be held up as the supply difficulty in case of a rail tie-up would be complicated by the addition of 25,000 men to his command.

The department now has decided that the strike situation may continue unchanged for some time.

## NOT ENOUGH CARS

To Ship All of Vermont Troops Now in Mobilization Camp.

Burlington, Aug. 29.—Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson of the Vermont National Guard stated that it would be impossible for the Vermont troops still at mobilization to entrain within 30 hours because the cars received are not sufficient to accommodate the men.

It is expected that the troops will leave for Eagle Pass by the middle of this week. Some of the supplies have been removed to Essex Junction and there are several special cars in the yards. The mobilization camp at the fort will be abandoned after the troops leave the state, although the three recruiting stations will be continued. They are located at Middlebury, Morrisville and Bennington, each one with an officer and three enlisted men in charge.

Capt. Hyland has been feeding the men well, according to reports received. They have meat at least once a day, eggs and other staple food for other meals. Capt. Hyland states that he has purchased so much food and buys it in such quantities that the average cost per man is but 27 cents a day.

Each man is equipped with 51 individual articles supplied by the government. Capt. Hyland expects that the troops train will consist of seven sleeping cars, two baggage cars and one kitchen car.

## PREPARING TO LEAVE

Vermont Troops Tear Down Tents at Mobilization Camp.

Word received from the mobilization camp of the Vermont troops near Fort Ethan Allen at 1 o'clock this afternoon stated that the tents were being torn down in preparation for leaving for the Mexican front to-morrow morning.

## CORINTH MAN AT HEAD.

G. Stanley Miller Leads Universalist Young People's Society.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 29.—The following officers were elected this forenoon at the annual meeting of the Young People's Christian union in connection with the convention of the Universalists of Vermont and Province of Quebec:

President, G. Stanley Miller of Corinth; vice-president, Percy Smith of Williamstown; secretary, Miss Norma Richardson of Chester; treasurer, Verne C. Winchester of Brattleboro; Rev. G. F. Fortier of St. Albans; Mrs. Perci Greenblade of Lyndonville and Rev. D. E. Trout of Brattleboro.

The morning session of the P. P. C. U. started at 6 o'clock with a prayer and consecration service led by Clifford Stetson of North Tunbridge. A business session was occupied chiefly with reports of committees. The committee on recommendations emphasized the importance of the work of the Young People's societies and recommended the organization of such unions in every parish. A vigorous missionary policy was adopted under the direction of the executive head and the superintendent.

The occasional sermon was preached by E. A. Stockwell of Londonderry, and an address was given by a national representative, Miss Laurine Freeman of Boston, who appealed for funds for missionary work, after which \$300 was raised.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary association was held this forenoon, at which the secretary reported eight active circles with a membership of 101. The membership of the local circles was increased by 13 and the increase at large was 11. During the year the following sums were paid: \$100 for the education of a Japanese girl, \$25 toward the salary of a Japanese missionary, \$30 for the education of a student at St. Lawrence university and \$19 for the state superintendent. The entire amount received was \$233.71.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 29.—The annual meeting of the Universalist convention to Vermont and the Province of Quebec opened last night in the Church of the Messiah. The opening session was devoted to the Young People's union. Weston Cate of North Montpelier opened the meeting. G. Stanley Miller of East Corinth, president of the union, gave the annual address and responded to the address of welcome by Milton E. Montgomery of St. Johnsbury. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. H. H. Niles of Lyndonville. The convention will continue through Thursday morning.

John Gavanagh left the city last night for Concord, N. H., where he is making a stay of a few weeks with relatives.

Miss Ida M. Cook of South Main street, chief operator at the central office of the Vermont Tel. & Tel. Co., returned yesterday after a vacation of three weeks.

## JUDGE QUILTS PROCEEDINGS

Putnam Withdraws from the Boston & Maine Receivership

## CLAIMS INTEGRITY OF COURT ASSAILED

resident Hustis Appointed Temporary Receiver of the Road

Boston, Aug. 29.—United States Circuit Judge William L. Putnam to-day withdrew from the Boston & Maine railroad receivership proceedings because of the bill filed by counsel for the minority stockholders, which, according to Judge Putnam, attacked the integrity of the court. He further ordered that the bill be sent to the office of the federal district attorney for an investigation by the grand jury.

James H. Hustis, president of the Boston & Maine company, was appointed temporary receiver.

Judge Putnam refused to allow intervention by the minority stockholders' protective committee.

## BARRE STORE INCORPORATED

Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc., Will Have Benefit of Enlarged Quarters.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc., of Barre, a millinery corporation doing business in the Howland block at 115 North Main street. The capital stock is \$4,000 and the incorporators are Mrs. W. F. Shepard, Miss Mary T. Owens and Miss Isabel C. Nelson, all of this city. The officers are: President, Mrs. W. F. Shepard; treasurer, Miss Owens; secretary, Miss Nelson.

With the completion of the ample annex to the Howland building at the rear, the millinery concern will have a business entrance and display windows in Keith avenue as well as on North Main street. Enlarged facilities for the trimming department will be so located as to be easy of access from both display parlors. The Keith avenue entrance and addition will conform in finish and appointment to the main store. It is expected that the annex will be completed early in October.

## NATURALIZATION COURT.

Session Being Held at Montpelier to Grant Final Papers.

Judge Harland B. Howe of St. Johnsbury is presiding at the session of United States court, which opened this forenoon at Montpelier for naturalization purposes. Clerk F. S. Platt of Rutland and Examiner Allan F. Church of Boston arrived in the city last evening from Burlington to take part in the session of the court. It is expected that citizenship papers will be granted to over one hundred applicants before court adjourns to-morrow. It is the first session to be held in Montpelier since last February.

## BOTH ARE CHEERFUL

Messrs. Cave and Gates, Republican Candidates for State Auditor.

The two candidates for state auditor, Thomas H. Cave, Jr., of Barre and Benjamin Gates of Montpelier, are both optimistic over their prospects in the forthcoming primary. Their nomination petitions, as filed, show that Mr. Cave had 858 names on his petition and Mr. Gates had 678. The number required for the office was 500.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

L. O. Morgan, Central Vermont station agent in Williamstown, was a business visitor in Barre yesterday and to-day.

Frank Maine left the city this morning for Burlington, where he is to enter the Mary Fletcher hospital for treatment. Mr. Maine has been a sufferer for some time with sciatic rheumatism and is to follow a course of treatment prescribed for him by the hospital physicians.

F. A. Slayton of South Main street left the city last night for Morrisville, where he will groom his trotting horses for the Morrisville fair this week. Mr. Slayton shipped his speedsters from Barton last week to Morrisville, after they had participated in the races at the Barton fair last Wednesday and Thursday.

John B. Smith, a graduate of the class of 1912 from Goddard seminary and from the college in the chemistry course last June, passed through the city last night from his home in Williamstown to Amherst, Mass., where he has secured a position as chief chemist at the Massachusetts experiment station. He will commence his new duties Sept. 1.

With the expiration of the present opera house lease only two days distant, the board of aldermen will meet in regular session to-night to ascertain what the property committee has accomplished in the way of reaching terms with a new lessee. Nelson & Austin, who succeeded Fox & Eaton as the lessees in September, 1915, notified the aldermen May 1 that they would not renew the lease at the price paid last year. Since the notice was received practically nothing has been done in the way of finding a satisfactory lessee. To-night, too, the street committee is expected to have ready its report on the proposal to pave South Main street, build the Jail branch bridge, and lay a cement roadway on Washington street. Although specifications for the South Main street project were prepared by the city engineer more than a week ago, no move was made by the councilmen until last week when the paving question was discussed at regular and special sessions. Immediately after the aldermen session, the board of civil authority will meet in the court room at 8 o'clock to begin its revision of the checklist to be used in the September primary.